consolidated list of applicants deserving such appointments in various categories, including the category of Lower Division Clerks, are arranged in the order of death of the Government servant concerned. Offer of appointment on compassionate grounds is issued strictly on the basis of the seniority of the applicant in the waiting list for the respective category subject to availability of vacancies in the compassionate appointment quota. A waitlisted applicant has to await his/her turn for appointment on compassionate grounds.

Therefore, the question of rehabilitating them under the Scheme does not arise.

Unauthorised Nursing Homes in DDA colonies

2464. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of unauthorised Nursing Homes have sprung up in different DDA colonies by combining a number of adjoining small flats into one;

(b) whether these changes and conversions have rendered the building structures dangerous for use, besides other irregularities; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken for this unauthorised exploitation of DDA buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that they have not received any complaint about the unauthorised conversion of residential DDA flats into Nursing Homes by combining a number of adjacent small flats into one. However, if any such use is noticed by the DDA, action as per the termsof allotment/lease deed and under the provision of D.D. Act will be initiated.

Conference on 'Housing—the challenges and solutions'

2465. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Conference on "Housing—the challenges and solutions" was convened by Government on 28th to 30th November, 1998; and

(b) if so, the agenda of the conference, the conclusions arrived at and the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A three-day Conference was organised jointly by the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, Federation of Promoters and Builders Association of Maharashtra (FPBAM) and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) from 28th to 30th November, 1998 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. This conference was organised to identify and enlist measures to solicit cooperation among Government, Public Sector institutions, Private Sector and the public at large that would make the National Housing and Habitat Policy a reality on the ground towards meeting the objective of 'shelter for all'. The suggestions made in the Conference are given in the Statement (*See* below). The Government is already seized of the problems facing the housing sector and action on some of suggestions has been initiated on the basis of the Government's policy perceptions.

Statement

Suggestions made in the Conference

1. The ULC (R&A) Act, 1976 should be repealed in toto. Further the saving provision for continuation of